



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Meeting Minutes

December 02, 2019 6:00 PM

<p>PRESENT</p> <p>Mayor Sam Norton Council Member Bruce Hoffman Council Member Helen Hardman Council Member JoAnne Taylor Council Member Mitchel Ridley Council Member Roman Gaddis Council Member Ron Larson</p>	<p>PRESENT</p> <p>City Manager Bill Schmid City Clerk Mary Csukas Director Melody Marlowe Director Mark Buchanan Director Kevin Herrit Superintendent John Jarrard</p>	<p>Present</p> <p>City Attorney Doug Parks Director Shannon Ferguson Tourism Director Sam McDuffie Cemetery Chair Chris Worick</p>
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CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Norton Called the Meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Mayor Norton asked City Manager Bill Schmid to lead the Council in prayer and Council Member Bruce Hoffman to lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Norton called for a motion for approval of the agenda

Motion made by Council Member Larson, Seconded by Council Member Ridley

Voting Yea: Council Member Hoffman, Council Member Larson, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Hardman

PUBLIC COMMENT – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Mayor Sam Norton called for a motion of approval for the November 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes presented with no changes

Motion made by Council Member Ridley, Seconded by Council Member Gaddis.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hoffman, Council Member Hardman, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson, Council Member Taylor

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Bank Account - Melody Marlowe, Finance Director
 Mayor Norton noted that Kimberly Stafford, Assistant Finance Manager presented the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Bank Account at the November 21, 2019 Work Session. Mayor Norton inquired if Melody Marlowe, Finance Director could give a brief overview of this agenda item.

 Director Marlowe stated that in 2020 the City of Dahlonega will offer a Flexible spending account to the employees as an added benefit. The City will need to establish a Flexible spending bank account to handle these transactions. We are asking for Council approval to establish this bank account.

 Mayor Norton noted there were no changes since the Work Session and asked if Council had any questions from Staff on this item, no questions were asked.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Monthly Financial Reports - October 2019 - Melody Marlowe, Finance Director

Mayor Norton asked Director Marlowe if she has any further information for Council on this financial report.

Director Marlowe stated that this report will be presented with a highlight each month going forward. This month the City has received the annual insurance state payment check in the amount of \$395,901.00 which is 10% greater than the budgeted amount and 6% greater than the amount received last year. The State of Georgia collects a percentage from every insurance policy sold within the City of Dahlonega and we receive a portion of those funds.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor, Seconded by Council Member Hardman.

Voting Yea: Council Member Hoffman, Council Member Hardman, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Ridley, Council Member Gaddis, Council Member Larson

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

City Clerk

Retail and Farm Winery Alcoholic Beverage Applications were all in compliance for the 2020 renewal.

GMRC annual event and Employee Christmas Party are upcoming this month.

City Manager comments

GDOT Barlow Road – The City of Dahlonega will be a participating partnership with GDOT who will supply over half of the funds.

Wimpy Mill project will be discussed at the upcoming Work Session on Dec 19th

City Council

Council Member Taylor thanked the Old-Fashioned Christmas committee and the DDA for their outstanding job on the Lighting of the Square. It was a huge success.

Council Member Larson echoed Council Member Taylor on her praise of the Lighting on the Square and has enjoyed the time with Council Member Hoffman on the Council.

Council Member Ridley stated that he had a stupendous time at the Lighting of the Square and has enjoyed his time with Council Member Hoffman and he will be missed.

Council Member Hardman stated that she has thoroughly enjoyed her time with Council Member Hoffman and hopes he will continue to attend meetings an audience attendee.

Council Member Gaddis stated that he has enjoyed these past eight years with Council Member Bruce Hoffman
Council Member Hoffman stated that he has enjoyed his time with this Council as this has been the best Council and a privilege.

Mayor Norton relieved staff from attending the Regular Council Meetings unless they have business to address before the Council. Mayor Norton reminded everyone to please come and enjoy the Employee Christmas Party.

Mayor Norton thanked Council Member Hoffman for the last 8 years on the Council and for everything he has done for the City

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member Hoffman to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.